

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 6, 8, 10 and 25 have been amended to change their dependencies.

Claims 4-12, 14-17, 19-21, 23 and 27 have been amended to improve their form.

Claims 1-3 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 4-27 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 13-24 are allowed.

I. Response to Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 102

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Gong et al (J. Am. Chem. Soc. 119(25), 5862 (1997)) ("the Gong article").

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection is moot because Claims 1-3 have been canceled.

II. Response to Claim Objection

Claims 4-12 and 25-27 have been objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

In response, in the present Amendment, Applicants have amended various claims to change their dependencies. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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